AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace, without prejudice, all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) A device for programming a controller, comprising:

a portable, copy-protected plug-in memory unit for storing software, wherein the copy-protected plug-in memory unit is configured to transport software in an encrypted form from a hardware device to the controller.

11. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 10, wherein the copy-protected plug-in memory unit includes at least one interface for receiving software from [[a]]the hardware device and for transferring software to the controller.

12. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the copy-protected plug-in memory unit includes:

an interface,

manipulation-protected hardware,

a cryptographic unit,

at least one processor having logic and interface drivers, and

a memory containing encrypted software, which includes controller software, programming software, and an encryption.

13. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the device is used for programming a controller of a motor vehicle.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for programming a controller, comprising:

transferring software from a hardware device to a copy-protected plug-in memory unit;

storing the software in an encrypted form in the copy-protected plug-in memory unit; and

transferring the software stored in the copy-protected plug-in memory unit to the controller.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the method is for programming a controller of a motor vehicle.

17. (Canceled).

18. (Canceled).